

REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT

RULES COMMITTEE

Minutes

Regular Meeting, February 9, 2009
8:15 p.m., Room 213

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 pm.

Present: Armour, Artinian, Bacon, Davis, Smith, Swenson, Young

Absent: Adiletta, Coyle, Grogan, Maguire, Price, Weyhe

Also in attendance, members of TGS&A: Messrs. Whitehead [chair], Kemp and Plehaty.

- The **minutes of January 5** were approved without objection. Mr. Young abstained..
- Mr. Whitehead reported on **recent activities of TGS&A committee** with respect to ordinance updates. The committee has made progress in working on several ordinances with the objective of having at least one ready for approval at the March RTM meeting. Additional discussion ensued centered on the matter of creating a plan as was requested by Rules in December. Mr. Davis agreed to coordinate with Messrs. Whitehead and Plehaty to draft such a plan. We will hear more about this on February 23.
- Review committee assignments for possible agenda items.
 - Special appropriation for Board of Education energy conservation. Education and F&B were previously assigned.
 - Special appropriation for Royle School boiler replacement. Education and F&B were previously assigned.
 - Animal control act. Public Health & Safety, Parks & Recreation, and TGS&A were previously assigned. Mrs. Armour will check with them and with the Parks & Recreation Commission on status.
- Discuss status of outstanding items for future agenda. Mrs. Klein advised Mrs. Armour earlier in the evening of the likely need for a special meeting in April to consider a request from the committee [CHALAC] reviewing proposals for affordable housing at the 35 Leroy (old library) site. Much discussion ensued, culminating in three resolutions, each of which was approved unanimously. The common thread among the resolutions is a desire to provide the RTM with the opportunity to have both adequate information and time to deliberate on matters that come before it.

MOTION #1

F. Smith Motion

J. Davis Second

The RTM requests that the Board of Selectmen present its Affordable Housing Plan, approved on February 9, 2009, to the RTM at its March 16, 2009 meeting. Placement on the March 16, 2009 RTM agenda is contingent upon receiving the Board of Selectmen Affordable Housing presentation materials to the RTM two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.

MOTION #2

F. Smith Motion

E. Bacon Second

The RTM Rules Committee has determined that it will not entertain or vote on any Affordable Housing initiative(s) until the Planning and Zoning Commission has voted on the Board of Selectmen Affordable Housing Plan and the Plan has been reviewed by and voted on by all appropriate authorities having jurisdiction.

MOTION #3

R. Young Motion

G. Swenson Second

All future items for RTM consideration must be submitted to the RTM Rules Committee in a timely fashion, at least five weeks prior to a regularly scheduled RTM meeting, so they may be assigned to RTM Committees prior to an RTM vote. A paper trail of authorities that have conducted reviews, dates of review, and final votes must be submitted simultaneously. *[This is essentially a reiteration of the usual time-line, which has slipped more and more often recently.]*

- The agenda for March 16, 2009, will be created at the February 23 meeting.
- Other business was not discussed because of the lateness of the hour.
- Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Armour, acting clerk

cc: Standing Committee Chairs
District Chairs